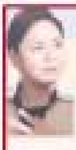
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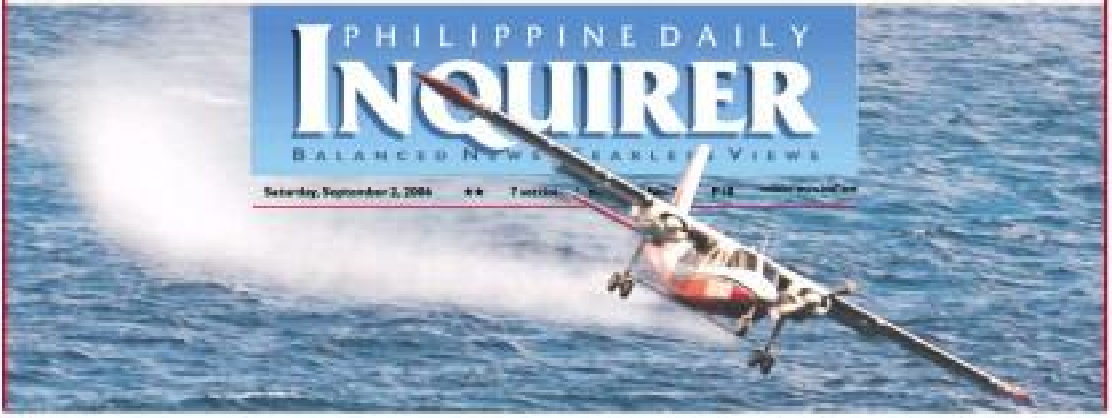
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SLICK FIGHTER A plane sprays chemical dispersant on the Guimaras Strait near the site where the Solar I oil tanker sank and spilled 1.8 million liters of bunker fuel. (Story on Page A2.)

'Breach' sets off alarm

Apostol dares media: Be a disturbing presence

By Fe B. Zamora

BE A DISTURBING PRESENCE.

This was the challenge that Eugenia Duran-Apostol, the 2006 Ramon Magsaysay awardee for journalism, literature and creative communication arts, issued to an audience of would-be journalists.

"If you are angry enough, you can do something about [the situation]. You should even be ready to die, if you love your country," said Apostol, the founding chair of the Inquirer, who spoke on "Building Credible Media: Lessons from the Frontlines" yesterday.

Apostol, 82, knows what she is talking about when she urges media to be a dis-

APOSTOL/ A16



AIRPORT security personnel go through the hand luggage of an outgoing passenger as authorities tighten security at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in reaction to an Inquirer report of a "suicide bomber" who sneaked a bomb into a domestic flight recently.

'Expert played with people's lives'

By Nikko Dizon and Christine O. Avendaño

OFFICIALS YESTERDAY DENOUNCED the antiterrorism expert who said he sneaked bomb components into domestic flights as part of a security test for playing with the lives of people, and warned he could be criminally liable.

"Whether these were real explosives or not, whoever conducted the test had endangered the flight, the lives of the passengers and the crew," Alfonso Cusi, general manager of the Manila International Airport Authority (Miaa), said at a press conference.

Undersecretary Cecilio Penilla, chief of the Office of the Transportation Security (OTS), said, "Pinaglaruan nila ang buhay ng mga tao (They played with the lives of people)."

The officials said that the expert, who gave the story on condition he not be identified because he is involved in security work, could be held liable if he used real explosives during his test.

Cusi said that the International Civil Aviation Organization (Icao) dictated that only dummy materials should be

EXPERT/ A6

Airport execs jolted by 'bomb on plane' caper

By Nikko Dizon

AN APPARENT SECURITY breach that enabled an unnamed passenger to smuggle bomb components into two Philippine domestic flights set off alarm bells yesterday and prompted calls for stronger measures to protect the country's airports from terror attacks.

"We are cracking our heads to find out what else is missing in our security measures, which we may have to revisit to ensure a safe air travel for our passengers," Office for Transportation Security chief Cecilio Penilla said.

Officials described the covert security exercise as both "an eye-opener" and a "wake-up call" for security officials and agencies involved in protecting the country's transportation industry, especially the airports.

The security scramble was prompted by an Inquirer story about how an antiterrorism expert was able to sneak bomb materials onto a Manila-to-Davao flight on Aug. 14 without being detected by airport security people. He carried out the same operation on his return flight from Davao to Manila the same day.

The expert claimed he was able to assemble on the plane the bomb components, which he had hidden in his jacket, shoulder bag, belt and shoes.

The man, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of his work, said he was assigned to carry out the clandestine operation by a government official.

The aim was to test the adequacy of

BREACH/ A6



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ON A WEBSITE CALLED MYSECRET.ss, there is the writer who was molested years ago by her baby-sitter and who still cannot forgive herself for failing to protect her younger siblings from the same abuse.

There is the happy father, busi-

CONFESSION/ A6

Gov't hospitals gaining acceptance—SWS

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO PREfer government hospitals over private institutions is growing, according to the Department of Health, citing results of the latest Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey.

Affordability was the main reason 87 percent of respondents chose government hospitals while only 15 percent chose private medical centers, the DOH said, quoting the survey conducted in June.

In a similar SWS survey conducted in August last year, 62 percent preferred public hospitals while 20 percent preferred private institutions.

"This development is a significant departure from the past when most [people] had always chosen to go to private medical facilities rather than to government hospitals," Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said in a statement.

"But now, they seem to already regard both hospitals at par with each other," he said.

There were many reasons cited by those who chose government hospitals in the June survey, the main one being affordability (73 percent). Other reasons listed were: "accessibility, excellent ser-

GOV'T HOSPITALS/ A6

Tycoons join hands to save RP education

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

DISMAL. THE WORD BEST DESCRIBES the state of the Philippine education system today.

Consider the latest statistics from the Department of Education presented yesterday in a forum by former Education Undersecretary Juan Miguel Luz:

- Over 87 percent of high school students failed in the latest National Achievement Test (NAT).
- Only three out of five students who enter Grade 1 will finish Grade 6.
- Only two out of five will finish high school.
- Only one of 10 will finish college.

It gets worse. Seven out of 10 teachers who teach physics in high school are not trained on the subject. According to recent tests, the teachers handling higher elementary grades and high school have the competency to teach only Grade 4 subjects.

Then there's the perennial problem of shortage of 42,000 teachers and 4 million desks and chairs nationwide, mainly in the public education system.

There is overcrowding in public high schools. For instance, there are only 286 high schools in the National Capital Region and 59 run more than one shift. The school in the Batasang Pambansa area

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KILLING FIELDS

Forensic experts sort out the skeletal remains of what are reported to be victims of a communist purge in Inopacan, Leyte. (Stories and other photos on Page A2)

'Montessori school' of beggars busted

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THIS IS A SCHOOL FOR CHARITY LIKE no other.

On any given day, young "scholars" from the Emmanuel Montessori College of Charity can be seen making the rounds of malls and school campuses, carrying tin cans that say, "Support Our Children's Programs ...Ito ibayang ibang ipay Mo, Karugtong ng Buhay" (each centavo you give will save a life).

At the end of this singular education in fund-raising, the scholars ostensibly earn degrees in nursing, information technology and hotel and restaurant

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Opposition figures top list of bets for senator, says Pulse Asia poll

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Kate Pedroso, Inquirer Research

GMA presses bid to amend Constitution

A DAY AFTER THE COMMISsion on Elections thrashed the petition for a people's initiative to amend the Constitution, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday took it upon herself to push her campaign for Charter change.

Gov't to overhaul shipping rules in wake of oil spill

Mike A threatens to file more libel suits



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Sandiganbayan turns down Imelda bid to travel to HK

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Go for long-term solutions, environmentalists tell public

Nur allowed to attend Davao fest

By Christine O. Avendaño

A COURT HAS ALLOWED FORMER AUTONOMOUS Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Gov. Nur Misuari to attend today's celebration of the 10th anniversary of the signing of the peace accord between the government and the Moro National Liberation Front in Davao City.

The Makati City regional trial court gave Misuari, who is detained at a police camp in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, on rebellion charges, a "temporary liberty for one day."

Misuari is expected to join former President Fidel Ramos who signed the peace accord in 1996 that established the ARMM. Misuari, who was then head of the MNLF, signed the peace agreement in behalf of the secessionist movement.

Presidential Peace Adviser Jesus Dureza told President Macapagal-Arroyo about the court order during her televised roundtable discussion on Mindanao.

In its order, the Makati RTC branch 58 also allowed Abu Usman, a co-accused of Misuari, to attend the event.

The Davao City commemorative service was among the activities lined up by the government in observance of National Peace Consciousness Month, according to Dureza.

President Arroyo launched the month-long observance in a ceremony which included her ringing the bell at the Quezon City Memorial Circle.

Dureza said that aside from the GRP-MNLF event, the government would also mark the 20th anniversary signing of its peace agreement with Cordillera Liberation People's Army this month.

Saying the country will remain vigilant in keeping its peace, President Arroyo also thanked God that the ceasefire agreement between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front had been holding for more than three years now.





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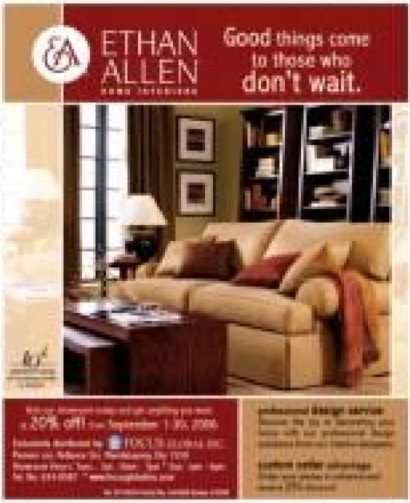
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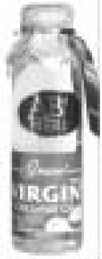
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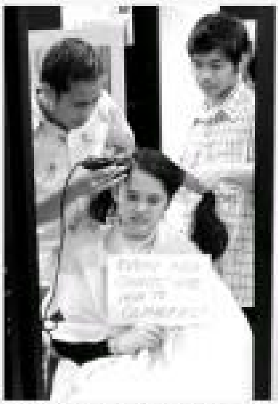
If only given half a chance to be, GMA could be best President ever

Macalintal in Comelec?

PNP launches war on 'jueteng' again

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CAMP OLIVAS, PAMPANGA—WITH THE START of the "ber" months, expect a cooler weather and a "hotter" Philippine National Police that will go all out in its drive to stop "jueteng."



GALLARDO parting with her hair for Guimaras, although some scientists are discouraging the use of human hair to absorb oil because of its slow decomposition.

Ex-Petron worker parts with hair for Guimaras

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A dead child, a lost livelihood



THE GRIEF IN THE SMALL bamboo house by the beach of Ali and Jocelyn Castillo is almost mute as husband and wife struggled to explain how they lost their youngest and only son to an asthma attack on Monday.

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Nocturnal asthmatic

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Spill turns away competitors from swim fest

160 participants in 2005 down to 12 in Iloilo-Guimaras contest this year



Honest cop who returned ₱3.5M cited

BSP declares Cebu bank 'insolvent;' gov't takes over

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Old P10 notes used as paper for new money

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) yesterday warned against the proliferation of fake money following the arrest of a couple alleged to be veteran counterfeiters.

The suspects, [illegible] Balagosa, alias "[illegible]," [illegible], and [illegible], allegedly used "new techniques" in manufacturing the fake bills. They were arrested during a raid Thursday at [illegible] Village, [illegible], Quezon City.

Director [illegible], chief of the NBI National Capital Region Office, said Balagosa [illegible] has long been suspected of being involved in the production of counterfeit American dollar and Philippine peso bills.

"Operations against counterfeiters led us to Balagosa, one of the alleged main sources of fake bills proliferating in Metro Manila," [illegible] said in a press conference yesterday.

The NBI officials said that instead of using ordinary paper, Balagosa printed on old P10 bills. "By doing so, he retained the bills' security features like the watermark and security thread," [illegible] said. The bills passed scrutiny in some business establishments like malls and supermarkets.

Senior Agent Jonathan [illegible] of the NBI NCR said Balagosa [illegible] offset machine that printed 3,000 to 5,000 bills per hour.

"When he learned that our undercover agents [illegible] him, Balagosa [illegible] with them the purchase of a new [illegible]," [illegible] said.

NBI operatives seized over a hundred [illegible] US dollar and Philippine peso bills, a letterpress machine, various clichés and plates, negatives, ink and other printing paraphernalia.

The suspects will be charged with violation of Article 166 of the Revised Penal Code or forging Treasury or Bank Notes, or Other Documents Payable to Bearer, Importing, and Uttering Such Forged Notes and Documents.



NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation Acting Assistant Director [illegible] and other NBI officials (foreground) with alleged counterfeiters [illegible] Balagosa and [illegible] (behind).

Makati City to set up own Intramuros

By Tarra V. Quismundo



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BIR charges ABS-CBN exec with tax law violation



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By DJ Yap and Bayani S. San Diego Jr.

To fight a criminal, think and act like one

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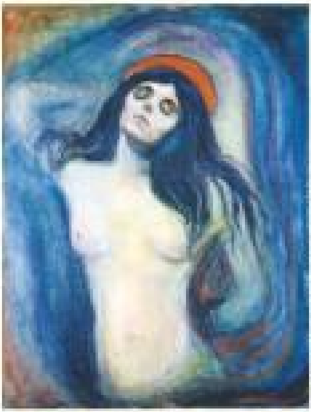
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US researchers turn back cancer with gene therapy

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RECOVERED Edvard Munch's "Madonna," (shown at left) which was stolen Aug. 22, 2004 with another painting "The Scream" from the Munch Museum in Oslo in a dramatic 2004 heist by armed robbers, have been recovered, Norwegian police said. AP

WorldBriefs

UN peacekeepers to Darfur

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India official linked to UN scam

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3 young Japanese women in suicide pact

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Aussie PM: Migrants must learn English

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The WORLD

US rushes sanctions as Iran defies UN

WASHINGTON—US PRESIDENT GEORGE W. Bush vowed that Iran will face the "consequences" of its refusal to meet Thursday's UN deadline for halting the production of nuclear fuel that could be used to develop weapons.





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Gutsy Greeks shame US cagers, gain final

SAITAMA, JAPAN—VASSILIS SPANOULIS SCORED 22 POINTS Friday as Greece used a sizzling stretch of shooting across the middle two quarters to turn a 12-point deficit into a 14-point lead and beat the United States, 101-95, in the semifinals of the Fiba world championship.

Coaches buck Eala's 3-point dunk

Blazers end season on bright note



Eagles out to correct flaws vs Bulldogs

MVP no second choice as unified caging head

IN THE HUDDLE



Beth Celis



MARTINA Hingis wears a wry smile after being sent packing by Virginia Razzano of France.

Razzano shows Hingis the door; top seeds cruise

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One more day

Survives four-hour test, bundles out Baghdatis

NEW YORK—ANDRE AGASSI, 36 YEARS OLD and burdened by a bad back, extended his career for at least one more match by winning a thriller over eighth-seeded Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 5-7, 7-5, at the US Open.

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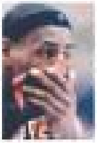


Spain reaches basketball final



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Gutsy Greeks shame US cagers



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Door still open for Asian Games basketball stint



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Confidence level expected to pick up in fourth quarter

By Doris C. Dumlao

SKYROCKETING OIL PRICES, RISING LABOR costs and bad weather dampened business confidence for the third quarter, but optimistic enterprises still outnumbered the pessimistic, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' quarterly survey.

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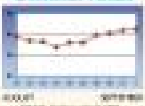
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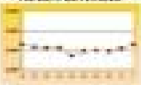
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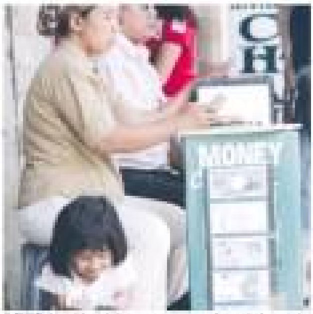
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BUSINESS

Teves urges banks to lend more to SMEs



A CHILD plays with a calculator next to a money changer in the port city of Zamboanga, southern Philippines. The BSP said it expected the peso, which hit a four-year high on Thursday, to sustain its upward momentum with strong remittances from overseas Filipino workers. AFP

Improving fiscal condition to trim treasury auctions

By Michelle V. Remo

FINANCE SECRETARY MARGARITO Teves has urged the banking sector to lend more to private businesses, especially as the government's improving fiscal condition would lessen its need to borrow from the banks.

Since banks tend to invest the deposits they generate, the declining borrowing requirement of the government should encourage banks to take more risks by lending to private entities.

"This is the challenge for banks today, to look for more ways to mobilize their resources," Teves said in a brief talk with reporters.

Teves said there was a need for small and medium enterprises to have better access to credit to support growth of their industry. Banks should play a role in bridging the gap as a way to boost economic activity in the country, he added.

But Teves acknowledged the fact that increasing lending was not an easy task given all the regulations imposed on banks regarding risk-taking. While it was ideal for banks to be proactive in lending, it should be balanced with the need to manage risk to avoid bank failures, he said.

The government's budget deficit for this year is programmed to be reduced to P125 billion from last year's P146.8 billion. There are expectations, however, that the deficit will be lower given the even-paced [illegible] on the fiscal front in the past months.

The budget deficit for the first seven months of the year hit P48.3 billion, equivalent to only 39 percent of the P125 billion full-year deficit limit set by fiscal authorities for 2006.

For next year, the budget deficit is expected to be reduced further to only P63 billion. The budget position is expected to be balanced by 2008.

Fiscal authorities said the improving fiscal position would mean the government would have to substantially trim down its borrowing requirements, therefore reducing the volume of treasury bills and bonds to be auctioned.

As a result, banks, which park their available funds largely in government securities, will have limited investment opportunities. Teves said lending more to SMEs would be a good alternative investment and a way to help the economy grow further.

Teves' comment came after Secretary Romulo Neri, who is also director general of the National Economic and Development Authority, criticized the banking sector for what he described as anemic lending. He said investors in lending [illegible] banks [illegible] opportunity for growth given the huge amount of liquidity in the system.

Responding to Neri's criticism, [illegible] of the Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP) said the need to increase lending should be balanced with the need to protect the industry from risky investments to avoid the crisis that happened in the late 1990s.

He said that instead of criticizing banks from weak lending, authorities should focus on the reasons why banks were cautious in giving credit to businesses. He said the country's still uncompetitive environment made business in the country less healthy, therefore making lending relatively a risky activity.

[illegible] said government agencies like the Neda should be exerting more effort in creating a more competitive business environment.

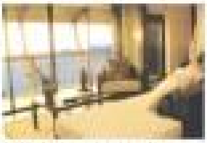
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By Charles E. Buban



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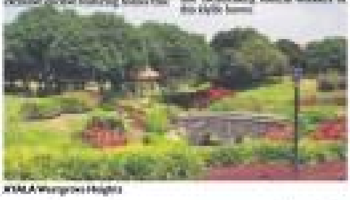


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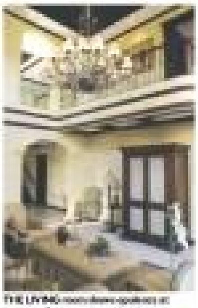
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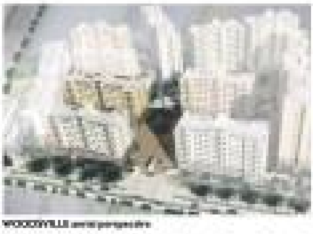
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The Marfori offers a breathtaking view of Laguna de Bay. Mornings are made all the more spectacular with sunrises over the Sierra Madre mountains. The bay breeze provides constant cool comfort. The architecture is charmingly neo-Victorian, inspired by the great city of San Francisco. Altogether, The Marfori's features make for a unique development, a sought-after prime address.

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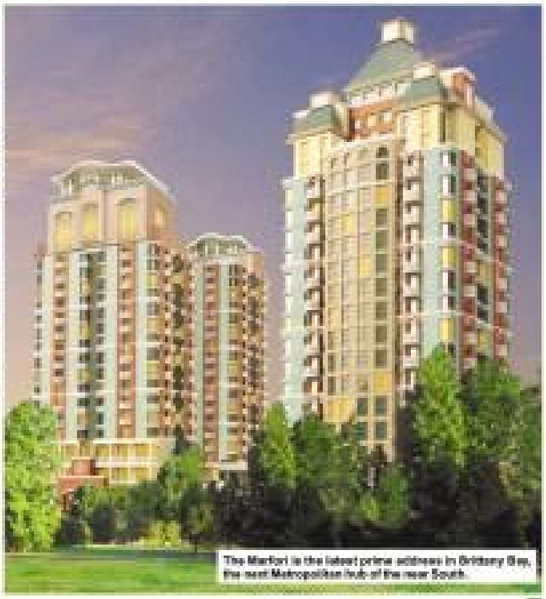
The location spelled great success for the first tower, Vista, which quickly sold out. Groundbreaking commences this September. Plans for the second tower are quickly getting off the ground.

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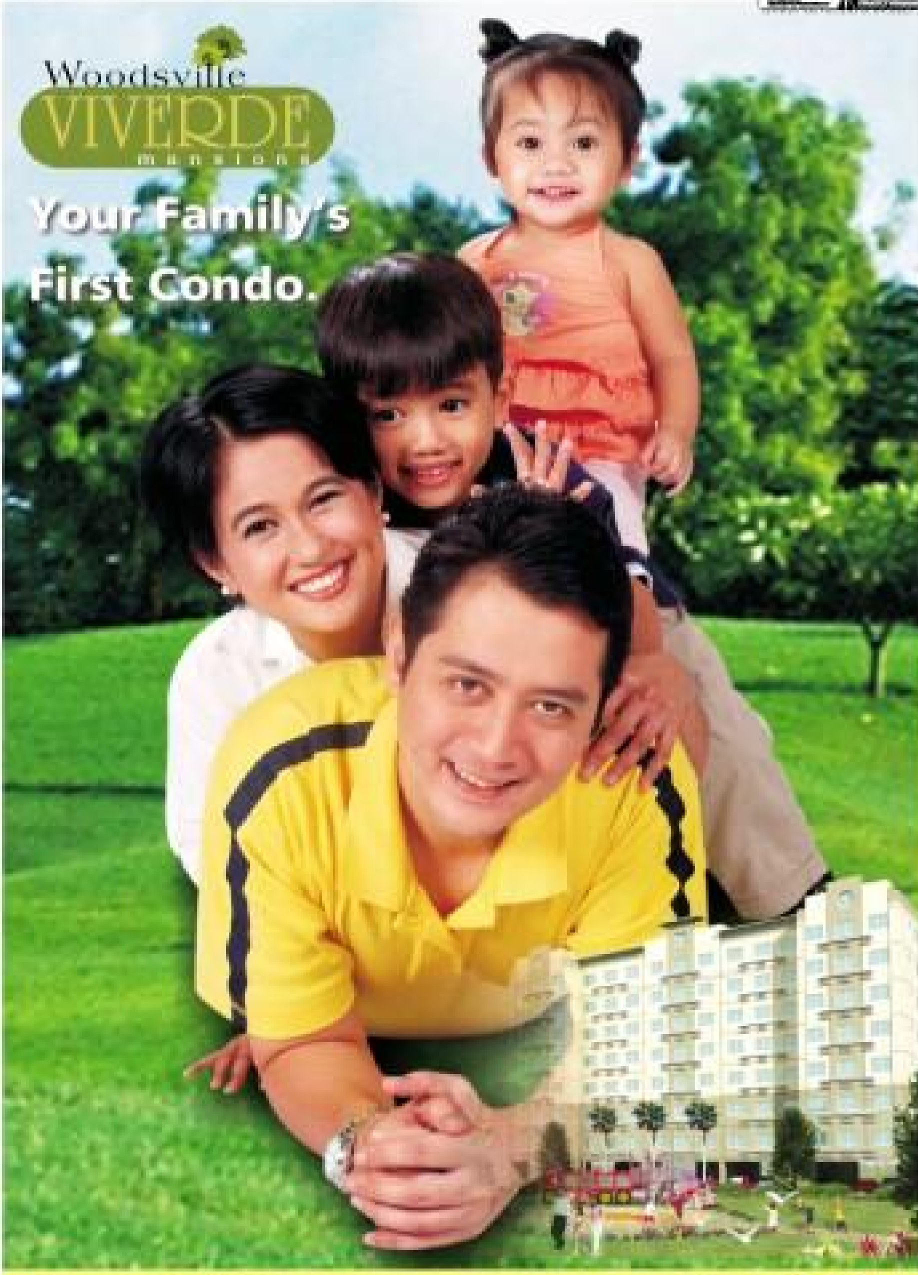
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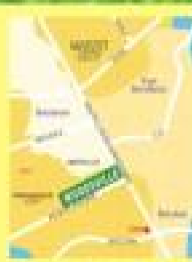
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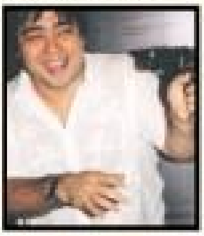


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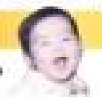
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Indeed, the next story is on video



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Tim Yap



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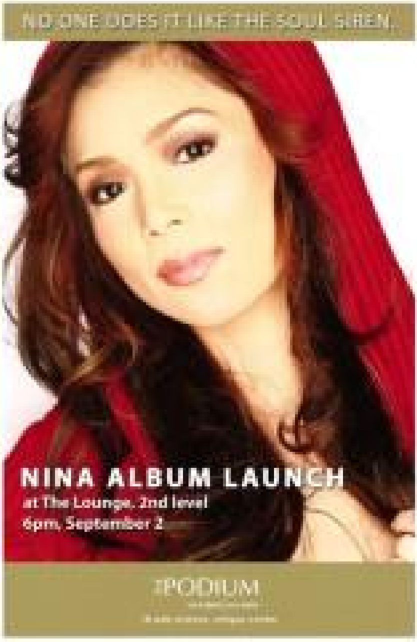






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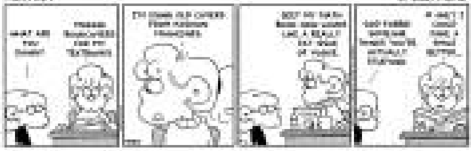




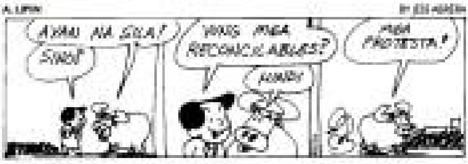



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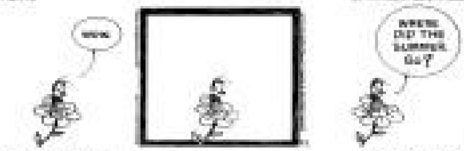
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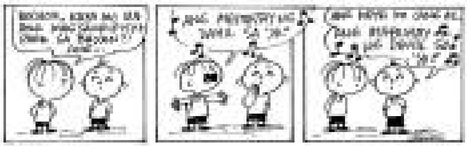
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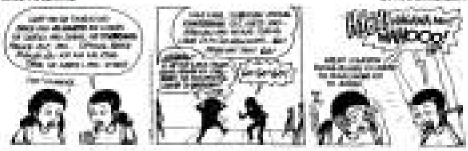
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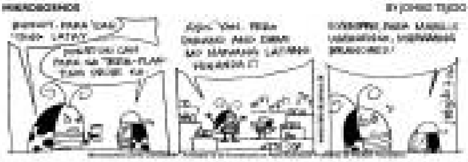
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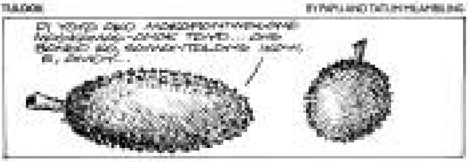
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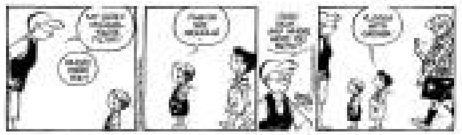
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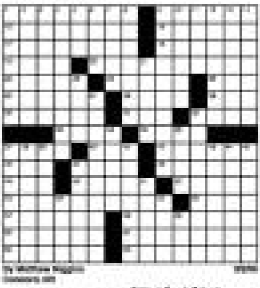
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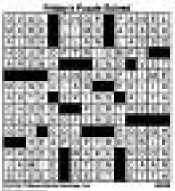


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SATURDAY *Special*



'Idol' and 'Academy' finalists compared



"SCHOLARS" of "Pinoy Dream Academy."



SOME of "Philippine Idol's" Top 24 bets (photo and top).

By Nestor U. Torre

LAST WEEKEND, "Pinoy Dream Academy" announced its 16 "scholars," while "Philippine Idol" went down to its final 24. Since "Academy" was telecast on Saturday and "Idol" only a day later, the ABS-CBN talent search effectively upstaged the ABC-5 tilt, which had earlier enjoyed a head start.

Impact

What difference does a one-day make? In box-office, not much—but, its psychological impact could be substantial. As we found, "Academy's" fast-tracking zapped "Idol" of some of its initial time advantage, since it set the tenor standard by which ABC-5's own finds were subsequently evaluated.

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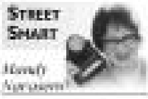
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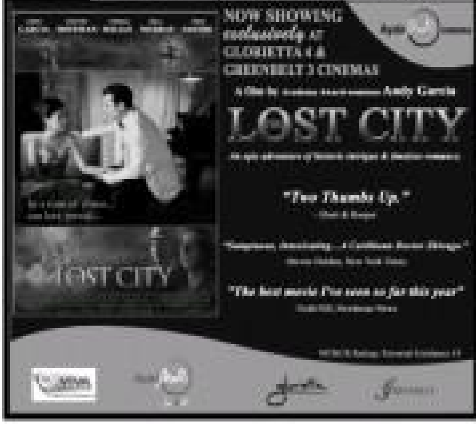
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LAUREL. Plays title role in latest staging of "Joseph the Dreamer."

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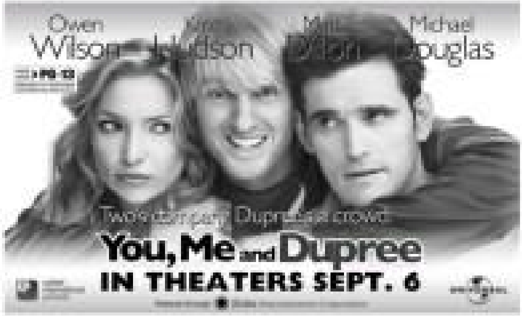
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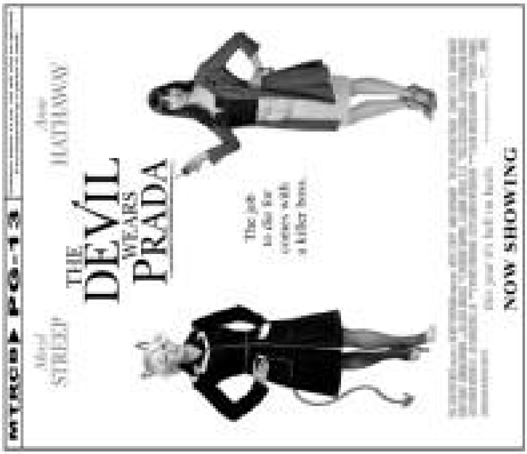
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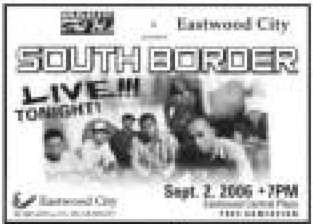


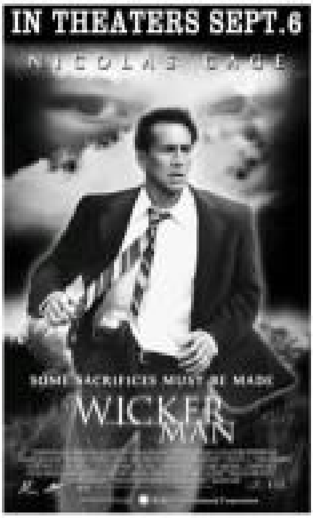
James Bond . . .



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10 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND

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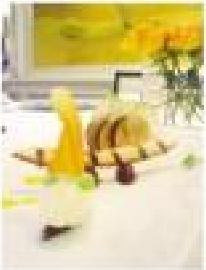
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AMERICAN IDOL, SEASON 5: ENCORES!

Standout covers, sparkling voices

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By Rito P. Asilo

Comparison

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10 Years of Caring

Operation Blessing Marks a Decade of Caring!

Operation Blessing Foundation Philippines (OBI), CBN Asia's humanitarian arm, was established in 1996 for the purpose of reaching out to the most neglected and economically disadvantaged people groups in the Philippines and the rest of Asia.

When it first began operations in 1996, it only had a handful of regular volunteers. But ten years since, God has poured out so much blessing, that OB now has a regular staff, and thousands of medical and non-medical volunteers who have offered their services for free in hundreds of OB missions mostly to the remotest villages in the country.

In the last decade, Operation Blessing has launched more than 700 medical missions, disaster relief operations, child feeding and education programs, community funding initiatives, and other types of outreaches that have benefited over a million needy and distressed individuals, some of whom were prison inmates, orphans and the elderly.

OB's "Bless-a-Child" daily feeding and education program has brought health and life back to more than 700 malnourished children, including scavenger kids in the infamous Payatas garbage dump in Quezon City. Its "Back-to-School" program has provided scholarships to 262 indigent children. Still, others have been given free reconstructive surgery for cleft lips and palates and burns, and hydrocephalic, cataract and orthopedic surgery.

Livelihood and Skills Training

An advocate of empowerment, OB has provided livelihood training to thousands of individuals, including former garbage scavengers, rebel returnees and former drug addicts, to help them become productive members of society. Beneficiaries have acquired skills in hydroponics, refrigeration repair, handicraft making, and other means of livelihood. OB's Mobile Out-of-School Training Program (MOST), launched in 2005, has enabled over a hundred displaced individuals become productive, self-reliant members of the community.

Operation Blessing has also built 150 potable water wells in waterless villages. To further address sanitation needs, OB has likewise constructed toilets and bathrooms in villages where no such facilities exist. Remote



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communities have been given access to medicines through OB's "Botica Bahi" program.

Braving War Zones

Committed to building bridges of love and peace, Operation Blessing braved the perilous trails of Mindanao to reach out to our Muslim brothers in rebel-infested, poverty-stricken areas of Basilan, Sulu, Marawi, Maguindanao, Lanao and Tawi-Tawi, and in other critical areas outside of Mindanao. For its demonstration of courage and dedication, OB was recognized by the Armed Forces of the Philippines as "NGO of the Year for Peace Efforts" on two consecutive years, 2002 and 2003.



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Quick Relief Response

The widening sphere of OB's missions of hope is owed to vital partnerships with the military, local governments, and Christian churches and ministries. During OB's most massive disaster relief effort to typhoon-ravaged Aurora and Quezon provinces in 2004, teams traveled by military helicopter or Navy boat, carrying relief goods which reached 35,000 starving families. Operation Blessing also rushed to the aid of landslide survivors in Southern Leyte to provide relief packs and crisis counseling. Most recently, an OB team responded to thousands of villagers forced to evacuate their homes due to an impending Mayon Mayon eruption in Legazpi City, Albay.

Aside from emergency aid, OB has also helped rebuild devastated communities through the reconstruction of houses and the provision of livelihood support.

Reaching Across Asia

Distance and danger are never a hindrance for Operation Blessing, as it has gone to the hinterlands of Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, China, India, and even war-torn Iraq and Afghanistan. In January and March 2005, OB played a critical role in disaster relief efforts to tsunami victims in Aceh, Indonesia, the area that suffered the greatest devastation from the worst natural disaster in modern history.

In the next 10 years, OB Chief Operating Officer Dr. Kim Pascual looks forward to continue rebuilding the nation – one family, one community at a time. "We want to rebuild devastated villages from the ground up into model communities. Imagine if we could do this all over the country," she relates. As Operation Blessing has learned in the past decade, all things are possible when many people dare to care, share and believe. To support OB's current humanitarian outreaches, you may call 817-6520 or 812-6581.



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OB's Thanksgiving Celebration

It was a night of reminiscing and thanksgiving as Operation Blessing (OB) marked its 10th year in the business of caring and service through an anniversary dinner celebration recently held at the ballroom of the Makati Sports Club. The event was a gathering of old friends, long-time supporters, volunteers, partners and other special people who have been a part of the foundation's decade of touching lives.

Through the years, it is undoubtedly the support of faithful partners and volunteers that has enabled OB to achieve



Operation Blessing (OB) EVP and COO Dr. Alex April Pascual (M.D., (left) speaks during the anniversary celebration. With her is OB President Peter Kairuz.

all that it has. Now on its 10th year, the anniversary celebration is OB's way of honoring and thanking everyone who has been a part of the foundation's unwavering commitment of serving the neediest people.



The event was highlighted by song numbers performed by singer-theater actress Pam G. and special guest



Gary Valenciano, who himself was part of an OB mission in the wake of the Payatas trashslide in 2000.

An exhibit was set up at the venue featuring memorable photos from various OB outreaches dating back to the 90's. The following are ten selected program beneficiaries representing each year of OB's decade:

JF Francisco. Eight-year-old JF was born with a club right foot, impeding his mobility and making wearing a pair of shoes difficult for him. Often, he would be seen with only one slipper on, thus becoming an object of ridicule by other kids. Thanks to Operation Blessing and the Armed Forces of the Philippines, JF was given free corrective surgery last March at the Philippine Air Force General Hospital. JF is now awaiting full recovery and will soon be able to walk and live normally.

Chris Sta. Ana. Eleven-year-old Chris imagines himself as an artist someday, but a severe and worsening cataract condition on both his eyes had crushed his dream. Although he could hardly see, Chris would spend hours drawing on his sketch pad or molding small animals and action figures from clay. Through a partnership among the Asian Eye Institute, the Ophthalmological Foundation of the Philippines and Operation Blessing, Chris was given free eye surgery. Now, he is able to see his dream of becoming an artist clearly again.



Jodan Pios. Drug addict, kidnapper, robbery gang member, shabu pusher and womanizer... This was the life that Jodan lived before Operation Blessing came and gave him a chance to have a decent one. OB enrolled Jodan in a short course on air conditioning and refrigeration repair through its Mobile Out-of-School Training program, which he finished by topping his class. Jodan has turned away from his old life and now earns an honest living for his family.

Oliver Abaing. Oliver was born with a cleft lip and palate. His parents have long hoped to seek medical help for their son, but extreme poverty prevented them from doing so. In May 2005, as Oliver struggled to live a normal life because of his condition, Operation Blessing came and provided him with free corrective surgery. Oliver can now look forward to a bright future with a smile.

Emily Yap. Emily didn't always radiate joy, peace and inner calm. Some years back, she was a picture of misery. She, her husband Edgar and their five kids struggled to survive and would often go for days without food. But all these changed when Operation Blessing handpicked Emily's family to receive livelihood assistance. She was trained and given capital to begin a small rug making business. One of her children was also enrolled in a one-year feeding and scholarship program. Today, Emily's modest business earns income that provides enough food for her family.

Marjorie Bondo. As a local ice plant worker, Marjorie's husband's earnings could hardly meet his family's needs. Through the help of Operation Blessing, Marjorie learned skills in lamp making and obtained capital to set up a small-scale business. She now earns extra money by making and selling homemade lamps and is able to help her husband make ends meet. Marjorie was also one of Operation Blessing beneficiaries who were given an opportunity to display their products at the annual Christmas bazaar at the World Trade Center in Manila.

Fairchild Aranda. Fairchild belongs to the first batch of child beneficiaries of Operation Blessing and is one of hundreds of children from Payatas who were fed and given free schooling through OB's Bless-a-Child program. She was very skinny and severely malnourished when OB first saw her during a medical mission in Payatas in 1997. Today, nearly ten years later, 11-year-old Fairchild is a healthy, pretty girl with a winsome smile.



Paolo Pancho. Operation Blessing first met Paolo eight years ago during a medical mission in Payatas. Then only seven months old, he was sick, severely malnourished and looked lifeless when his mother brought him to the OB clinic site for medical care. For two years, OB provided Paolo with a supply of milk and vitamins and gave him regular check ups until he became healthy. Today, Paolo is a strong, energetic young boy.

Sky Sarmiento. Sky's mother was pregnant with him when his father went to the United States to work and eventually cut off communication with them. During that time, Sky's family struggled to make ends meet. There were times when they hardly had anything to eat. bills piled up, and health problems began to arise. Then, during an Operation Blessing outreach in their barangay, six-year-old Sky was chosen to be a recipient of OB's Bless-a-Child program through which his health and education needs were met.

Marlyn Valencia. It was a small-scale business that helped change Marlyn and her family's life. Through Operation Blessing's micro-financing program, Marlyn was able to obtain an interest-free loan and begin a modest business of weaving baskets which she sells to neighbors and nearby markets in Bicol. Through hard work and perseverance, Marlyn is now able to earn a steady income that helps sustain her family's needs.



Big winners at the Emmys

By Nestor U. Torre

BEFORE THE 2005 EMMYS UNREELED LAST WEEK, tipsters believed that the big winners would include the medical drama, "Grey's Anatomy," and Steve Carell of "The Office" as best comedy actor.

After the smoke had cleared, a very different picture emerged: "Grey's Anatomy" was shut out in the awards derby and "The Of-



Sarcasm

Triumphant

Celebratory mood

Genuine relationships

Timeless



1. Show respect.
2. Be tolerant.
3. Be kind with thoughts, words and deeds.
4. Be understanding.
5. Strive for perfection for yourself, but don't expect it from others.
6. Be encouraging.
7. Be slow to judge.
8. Apologize when you are wrong.
9. Be forgiving.
10. Accept responsibility for your own misery.